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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is still perhaps a little too early to state definitely what is going to be the result of the season. The honey-flow is reported from fair to poor, the better reports coming from the southern districts of Hastings, Lennox, Frontenac, Leeds and Peterboro, on the east. Some parts of our own county, Brant, seem to be doing fairly well, as also in Oxford, Middlesex and Elgin, on our west and southwest, but the flow has been irregular and fitful, owing to weather conditions. Taking everything into consideration, so far as Ontario is concerned, we would say that it is going to be a very ordinary season. Northeastern Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern Provinces, are somewhat later, and may not be affected to the same extent by the rain. With us the rain would have been a decided advantage, but it came too late and continued too long when it did come.

Some radical changes have been made by the O. B. K. A. Executive in regard to Honey Exhibit at the annual Fruit, Flower and Honey Show to be held in Toronto. Their idea is to have a collective exhibit made by the members of the Association, instead of individual exhibits. President Sibbald and Secretary Couse, writing us on the subject, say that it was decided at the Executive meeting held in London that instead of offering prizes for honey to ask the members of the Association

each to send a small quantity of the very best they produce, and to pay them for it, have it put up by a suitable committee in the most attractive way, and, with a view to advertising, have one or more capable persons to demonstrate or talk honey, explaining its various uses and virtues, and its great value as a pure food, and to distribute honey literature, recipes, etc.

In order that each member who contributes to the exhibit may have equal benefit from the advertising, a directory with the names and addresses of those exhibiting will be displayed prominently. It is hoped that beekeepers will save a quantity, say 50 pounds or 60 pounds of extracted, and the same of comb honey, so as to make the plan a success and the honey exhibit one of the best ever shown. At a recent meeting held in Mr. Cowan's office the above plan was submitted and received by the general committee as a decided improvement on the prize system. The money that has heretofore gone to pay prizes will be used to pay freight charges, advertising and other expenses

A sub-committee appointed to try and secure better convention rates from the railways report that single fares to all attending the conventions and Show under the certificate arrangement was assured, but they were very hopeful of getting excursion rates without certificates, the same as for other Industrial Exhibits, and the Guelph Fall Stock Show.

In connection with his district report which appears on another page, President Sibbald of the O.B.K.A., makes the following suggestion with which we are sure most of us will be in hearty sympathy:

"As chairman of the Honey Exchange Committee it will not be amiss for me to say that I believe the time has come

for bee-keepers to put their honey up at a price which is all sold. May was the best, so much by too much being bare, so the situation. Take advantage of the extent, and of the Eight or nine wholesale. Drop this milk not in a figure."

Season's rate, June 21st. The part of May very rainy. June 20th the flow since the fine weather of the clover likely be taken.

Peel County

Bees here in bloom, owing to the honey-flow from the cold weather. The results are good.

Kent Co., Ont.

The bees are pretty freely flying, but up to the honey, and are rapidly increasing. Farming yet. Bloom, and a short crop. A very favorable weather.

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